

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A one-to-many compact fluorescent lamp holder comprising:
 - a plurality of sockets, each of which is adapted to receive a compact fluorescent lamp having only one electrical connection end;
 - a ballast mechanism comprising a ballast circuit therein; and
 - a plurality of electric wires ~~for electrically~~ connecting the sockets to the ballast ~~circuit mechanism~~, so that said compact fluorescent lamps, when mounted in each of the sockets, will be turned on when ~~an~~ AC power is provided to the ballast circuit,
 - wherein each said compact fluorescent lamp is supported by a single one of said respective sockets and electrically connected to said ballast mechanism solely by said one electrical connection end,
 - wherein said ballast mechanism supports said plurality of sockets, and
 - wherein said ballast mechanism is mounted to a lighting fixture, wall, or ceiling.
2. (Currently Amended) The lamp holder according to claim 1, wherein said ballast mechanism comprises a shell for accommodating said ballast circuit therein, said shell comprising a fastening mechanism for non-electrically fastening said shell to ~~a~~the lighting fixture, wall, or ceiling.
3. (Original) The lamp holder according to claim 1, wherein said sockets are connected to said ballast mechanism by the plurality of wires only.
4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The lamp holder according to claim 2, wherein said shell is a flat hollow cylinder or polygonal hollow body, and said fastening mechanism comprises a mounting hole at a center thereof or a plurality of locating slots at an edge thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) The lamp holder according to claim 1, wherein said ballast circuit comprises an EMI circuit, a rectifying and filter circuit, an inverter circuit, and an output circuit, wherein said EMI circuit is adapted to be connected with a source of AC power, said rectifying and filter circuit is connected to said EMI circuit and provides a DC current to said inverter circuit, and said inverter circuit and said output circuit provide a high voltage for activating said compact fluorescent lamps and a high frequency AC current to said compact fluorescent lamps for maintaining their stable lighting.

7 (New) A lighting fixture comprising:

- a plurality of compact fluorescent lamps having only one electrical connection end; and
- one-to-many compact fluorescent lamp holder comprising:

- a plurality of sockets, each of which is adapted to receive one of the compact fluorescent lamps;

- a ballast mechanism comprising a ballast circuit therein; and

- a plurality of electric wires connecting the sockets to the ballast mechanism, so that the compact fluorescent lamps mounted in the sockets will be turned on when an AC power is provided to the ballast circuit,

- wherein each said compact fluorescent lamp is supported by a single one of said respective sockets and electrically connected to said ballast mechanism solely by said one electrical connection end,

- wherein said ballast mechanism supports said plurality of sockets, and

- wherein said ballast mechanism is mounted to a lighting fixture, wall, or ceiling.